

MINUTES
Town of North
January 12, 2015
North Town Hall

Mayor Jeffcoat called a special called meeting of Council to order at 4:30 a.m. Present were Council members Washington and Lane. Also in attendance was Town Clerk Carrie Garrett.

Amanda Sievers with Lower Savannah Council On Governments presented to Council the proposed Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

There being no further business, Council member Lane made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Mayor Jeffcoat called the regular meeting of Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Council members Jones, Carson Lane and Washington. Also in attendance were Chief Mark Fallaw and Town Clerk Carrie Garrett.

Mayor Jeffcoat led Council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Jeffcoat declared a quorum and welcomed visitors.

Council member Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2014 regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Council member Lane, and upon vote minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comments:

- Marshall Jackson proposed to Council that an ordinance be enacted regarding cleanup of private properties. Mayor Jeffcoat called on Bill Clark in the audience for a response. Mr. Clark noted that the County may have an ordinance we could use as a model. Mayor Jeffcoat advised that the County does some cleanup in North and is able to bill the property owner through their tax bill. Council member Carson mentioned a North Town Code that stated that private property should be "free of litter and unsightly growth," asking Mayor Jeffcoat about enforcing our current ordinance. Mayor Jeffcoat advised that he would look into it.

Water/Sewer Report:

Rick Bryan presented the Water/Sewer report for December, 2014 (copy attached). .

Police Report:

Chief Fallaw reviewed the North Police report for December, 2014 (copy attached). Chief Fallaw noted that the North Police Department received an award from AAA for top 5 in Traffic Safe Community.

Old Business:

- Jeffcoat reviewed the financial statement for December, 2014.

New Business:

- Community of Character Trait for January is Trustworthiness.
- Bill Clark from Orangeburg School District 5 proposed a Proclamation in Observance of South Carolina School Board Recognition Monday. Susan Gleaton is the Board Member for our area and is very dedicated.
- Bill Clark also proposed a Proclamation in Observance of National Mentoring Month. He discussed some of the programs the District has implemented such as reaching out for drop outs which has decreased the drop out rate and the Veterans Day Program.
- Motion was made by Council member Lane to approve the Proclamation in Observance of South Carolina School Board Recognition and Proclamation in Observance of National Mentoring Month. Motion was seconded by Council member Jones and upon vote carried unanimously.

- First reading of the Water and Wastewater Ordinance was had by title only. Motion was made by Council member Jones to accept first reading of the Water and Wastewater Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Council member Carson and upon vote carried unanimously.
- First reading of the Comprehensive Plan was had by title only. Motion was made by Council Member Jones to accept first reading of the Comprehensive Plan. Motion was seconded by Council member Lane and upon vote carried unanimously.
- First reading of the Zoning Ordinance was had by title only. Motion was made by Council member Lane to accept first reading of the Zoning Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Council member Jones and upon vote carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Jeffcoat noted that he has been contacted by the Charleston Air Force Base regarding them conducting a Noise Study in North.

Council Announcements:

- Council member Lane noted that the Family Dollar has opened up in the new building.
- Council member Carson mentioned that there were complaints as to the appearance of the Town's Christmas Tree, noting that since it was trimmed that it looks distasteful. She asked if the existing tree can be cut down and she and the Girl Scouts will replant it with a new tree.

Public Comments:

- George Sigmon asked about the youth leading Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Jeffcoat said he will make contact with Dover Elementary to get that program started again.
- Harry Drew expressed a concern over a man who digs through citizens' roll carts, dumpsters and trash cans looking for aluminum cans. Mr. Drew stated that he has heard of an instance whereby the man urinated at the Drew-Owen Park in plain view of the public. Drew also stated that he has confronted the man about digging in dumpsters and urinating behind the North Furniture Company as well as walking in the middle of the roadway. Chief Fallaw acknowledged that Mr. Drew had recently informed him about the issue and since the instances are not occurring in the presence of law enforcement, the North PD can charge him if a witness is willing to come to court to testify. Chief Fallaw added that the North PD was not aware of the complaints until Drew came forward in the past several weeks.
- Dr. Bowman announced the St. Mark United Methodist Church Medical Health Site ministry opportunity. It would provide free health care services to members of the North community. He noted that the program will need volunteers and encouraged Council and the public to consider volunteering.

There being no further business, Council member Lane made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Garrett

APPROVED: JANUARY 12, 2015 MINUTES

Mayor Earl Jeffocat: _____

Council Members:

Harriett Lane: _____

Julius Jones: _____

Jeff Washington: _____

Patty Carson: _____